

Appln. No. 10/786,436
Amtd. dated February 21, 2006
Reply to Final Office Action of November 18, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claims 1-10 and claims 22-25 are allowed, and that claims 19-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 19 has been amended to incorporate therein all the limitations of claim 14 from which it depends. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment is sufficient to place claim 19 in condition for allowance, as well as claims 20 and 21, which depend from claim 19 directly and indirectly, respectively.

Rejected claims 11 and 13-18 are canceled by this amendment.

The three-month due date for this Office Action fell on February 18, 2006, a Saturday. The following Monday, February 20, 2006 was President's Day, a federal holiday. This amendment is being submitted February 21, 2006, the first business day after the three-month due date. It is believed that no fees are due with this amendment. The Office is authorized to charge any fees or credit any refund in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 10-1202.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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